

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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PRICE OF HEPATITIS VACCINE
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government have received any representation from Members of Parliament regarding high price of Hepatitis 'B' Vaccine and also to brought Hepatitis 'B' Vaccine under Drug Price Control;

(b): if so, the details thereof; and

(c): the steps taken by the Government to reduce the price of Hepatitis 'B' Vaccine to make it available to the consumer at reasonable rate?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a) and (b): Representation on these lines has been received by the Government.

(c): Hepatitis 'B' Vaccine is not subject to price control under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995. However, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) is monitoring the price of this vaccine and has noticed that the price of Engirex-B (a major brand of Hepatitis 'B' Vaccine) has declined by 24.49% and 10.22% in respect of 0.5ml Injection and 1.0ml Injection respectively during the period December, 94 to June, 2000.